

# Bronson is One Fighter Who Knows When To Quit

Badly Defeated in Australia, He Writes that He Realizes that He Is Going Back and Intends to Leave the Ring Before He Is Too Badly Beaten Up.

By T. S. ANDREWS.  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 8.—There are few fighters who really know when to retire from the ring. As a rule most of them wait until they have been beaten to pieces several times and even then they insist upon going ahead and claiming they are as good as ever.  
Not so with Ray Bronson, the Indianapolis lightweight, who developed into a welterweight last year and was given credit by many writers around the country as having a good claim to the welterweight championship.  
Bronson left for Australia last fall with the intention of fighting Johnny Summers, the British welterweight champion for the world's title. He did not realize that he had gone back. On the contrary, he felt that he was stronger than ever and was able to defend the title which he claimed against all comers. His work in the ring the past few months in Australia has been anything but satisfactory to himself and the climax came when he was defeated only recently by Mat Wells, the former British light-heavy champion, who also has developed into a welterweight. Writing from Sydney, Bronson sends me the following letter:

"My Dear Andrews:  
Well, I am not the Raymond of old as a fighter, although I am hard and admit the truth, so rather than disappoint my friends again, I have decided to quit the ring for all time. The Stadium people here were willing to cancel my contract, so there is nothing to do on their part and I trust that Saylor will more than make up for what I failed to do.

"I hope you will not think that I am a quitter because I am quitting the ring, but you are aware that the average boxer doesn't know when to quit, and I don't intend to put myself in that class. This idea of punching a man about the head will not brighten him any and I do not intend to go in and make a punching bag of my men whom I could have beaten in a round or two a few years ago.

"I was not hurt in any of my contests in any way and in my fight with Mat Wells, it was simply a case of being outclassed at every turn, so why should I continue? There may be such a thing as boxers coming back, but I think that in my case it is not possible, so I have made up my mind to quit for good.

"Dougheerty Shows Good Form.  
Jack Dougheerty, the Milwaukee welterweight, who quit the ring a couple of years ago, has been showing pretty good form here of late and has been watched to meet Alf Goodwin in Melbourne. I hope Jack will do better than I did, for I would not like to see him lose.

"While I have been losing myself, Melbourne Saylor has been making a

## GORDON AND HERRICK FIGHT AT ROSWELL

Match Is Arranged Between Two Fighters Well Known Here—Gordon Hardly Has a Chance, Fans Think.  
A boxing match that will probably be the most unique in the history of the glove game in the southwest, is the scheduled 10 round clash between Joe Herrick, of Kewanee, and Bart Gordon, of Joplin, at Roswell, on April 12. This is the third time the matched pair have met in the ring. The referee's decision, which is regarded as official, has been given to Herrick in both instances without a shadow of a doubt.  
Being fans of El Paso and Joplin, it is hard to believe that anyone with even the remotest knowledge of the fight game, could possibly compare the relative merits of Herrick and Gordon to such a point that a match to decide the supremacy is necessary. In both of the preceding battles, Herrick's victory has been decisive. A glance at the fact that John Patrick, a man who fought Gordon a 10 round draw and beat him by popular decision, was afterwards knocked out in the sixth round of a scheduled 10 round contest by Herrick, is enough to settle the matter.

Harry Longdon, who said that he had won four fights by the knockout route in Johnny Connolly's 122 pound champion of that district, in a 10 round semi-final, Longdon, who said he had won eight fights, must have fought at night, and not before the 1. A. C. as he is unknown here. He is the ex-manager of Max Harford, who claimed to be a welter champion of the navy, is promoting the bout.

## WELLS IS TO FIGHT THE "DUBLIN GIANT"

New York, April 8.—Arrangements have been completed for a fight between Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," and Bombardier Wells, for the heavy-weight championship of Great Britain, according to private cable advices received here. June 23 has been set as the date. The contest will be held in London under the auspices of the National Sporting Club.

## BOWLING LEAGUES AWARD THEIR TROPHIES TONIGHT

At a Dutch lunch and smoker at the Cactus alley Wednesday night, silver cups emblematic of the championship of the 14 seasons of the Cactus and Industrial leagues will be awarded. Speeches lauding the high scores attained by the winners will be made by manager A. H. Woods of the club and several of the bowlers present.  
The honor of awarding the cups to the Wells and Globe Mills teams, champions of the Cactus and Industrial leagues respectively, has fallen to Mr. Woods. The Industrial season was concluded several weeks ago while the Cactus schedule terminated one week ago.

The members of the Wells team are: W. J. Brown, J. J. Smith, J. W. Fort, the Globe Mills team comprised W. Fowler, C. Gurtz, J. S. Cagle, E. C. Mueller, and Bill Campbell.

## CLABBY LEAVES FOR FIGHTS IN ANTIPODES

San Francisco, Calif., April 8.—Jimmy Clabby, of Hammond, Ind., the middle-weight pugilist, left suddenly Tuesday with his manager for Australia by the liner Ventura. He said he had agreed to fight three bouts for "Snowy" Baker, the Australian promoter.

## JUDGE ALLOWS CLABBY TO GO ON AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Los Angeles, Calif., April 8.—Pugilist Clabby's trip to Australia will not affect his status as a probationer of the Los Angeles courts. Judge White said he had given Clabby a permit to go to Australia, when the pugilist reported that he was going for legitimate engagements and would return soon.

## BALTIMORE FEDERALS OVERCOME LEAD GAINED BY PITTSBURG

Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—The Athletics defeated the Philadelphia Nationals, Tuesday, 2 to 1. The series now stands three games to one in favor of the Athletics.  
Score: Athletics, 10; Nationals, 7.  
Batteries: Nationals, Alexander, Jacobs; Athletics, Dwyer, American, Shawkey, Penneck and Lapp.

## ATHLETICS HAVE THREE GAMES TO ONE WON BY NATIONALS

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## BROOKLYN NATIONALS EVEN UP SCORE WITH NEW YORK

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 8.—The Brooklyn Nationals evened up a four game series with the New York Americans, Tuesday, by winning 4 to 2.  
Score: Nationals, 4; Americans, 2.  
Batteries: Nationals, Rulbach and Miller; Americans, Harbison, Crabbe and Bales.

## PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE Coast League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Los Angeles	10	9	.526
Venice	4	3	.571
San Francisco	4	2	.667
Portland	3	3	.500
Sacramento	2	4	.333
Oakland	2	4	.333

## Where They Play Thursday

Team	Opponent
Los Angeles at Venice	
Oakland at Sacramento	
Portland at San Francisco	

## Tuesday's Results

Team	Score
At Los Angeles	R. H. E.
Los Angeles	10 7 1
Batteries: Venice, Hitt and Elliott; Los Angeles, Harbison, Crabbe and Bales	
At San Francisco	R. H. E.
Portland	4 3 1
San Francisco	3 1 1
Batteries: Portland, Power and Schmidt; San Francisco, Dwyer, American and Schmidt	
At Sacramento	R. H. E.
Oakland	4 11 1
Sacramento	2 4 0
Batteries: Oakland, Rulbach and Miller; Sacramento, Stroud and Kohrer	

## MESA DEFEATS PHOENIX IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

Phoenix, Ariz., April 8.—In the first game of the Arizona circuit, Mesa defeated the Phoenix Senators 5 to 0. Goss the Mesa pitcher, fanned 10 men and secured four hits. Krueger, the Senators' pitcher, was fanned five times. Morris caught for Mesa and Danahoe for Phoenix.

## HERRICK AND GORDON MATCHED

Roswell, N. M., April 8.—Bart Gordon and Joe Herrick, of Kewanee, Ill., will be matched to fight a 10 round bout here on April 12.

## WASHINGTON SWAMPS ALEXANDRIA

Washington, April 8.—The Washington Americans swamped the Alexandria, Va., Cardinals, by a score of 19 to 0.

## Aren't People the Suspicious Things?



## Federals Appear As Well Off As Major League Club

Declaration of Majors That Federals Lack Big League Players, While Organized Baseball Has All-Star Combinations, Is Not Borne Out by Inspection of the Lineups.

By FRANK G. MENKE.  
NEW YORK, April 8.—Clutching it from the remarks by organized baseball, the Federal league is a minor league proposition. But organized baseball's own little rules give the Federal league a minor league status.

These rules show the difference between a minor and major league. A league that has to conform to a salary limit and whose players are subject to draft by teams in another league is a minor league. A league that has no salary limit and whose players are not subject to draft is a major league.

Therefore, the Feds lack status as a major league. They pay unlimited salaries and their players are not subject to draft.

Organized baseball, in rebuttal, declares that despite these facts the Federal is not a major league because its players are not of major league caliber. Very well. But before they made such a statement it might have been well for them to look back through the newspaper files of the past few months and read some of the remarks they made at that time.

Suggested Abolishing Draft Rule.  
It may be recalled that early in January the Feds began to loom largely on the baseball horizon as the organizers of the organized majors thought that a way to combat the Feds would be to abolish the draft rule, as applied to the class AA teams, let these leagues play unlimited salaries and thus lift them to the major league classification.

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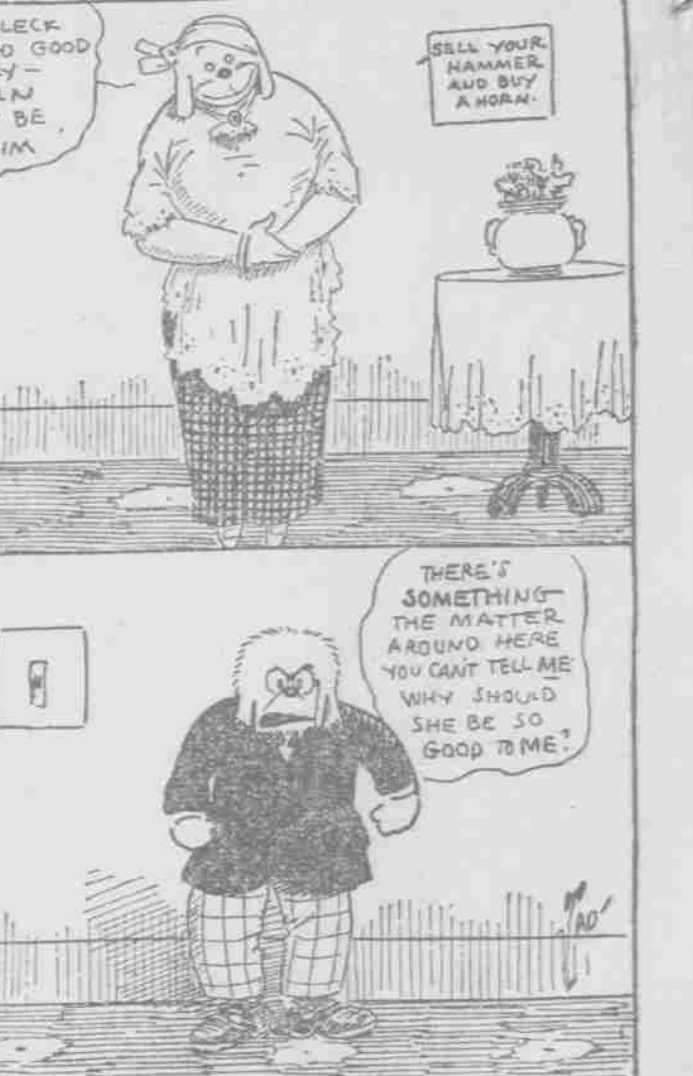
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## McCoy Knocks Out Chip in First Round



New York, April 8.—Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, knocked out George Chip, of Newcastle, Pa., a leading claimant for the middleweight title, in the first round of their 10-round match Tuesday night.

Chip recently scored two knockout victories over Frank Klaus, of Pittsburgh, who defeated Georges Carpentier in Paris.

The knockout came after one minute and 40 seconds of fighting. The result was a surprise, as McCoy had been considered only a fairly good middleweight.

In the first round Chip assumed the offensive and was forcing McCoy around the ring, when the latter landed his first blow—the knockout. This was a left uppercut, which landed on the end of Chip's chin. Chip fell on his back, his head striking the floor, and he was unable to rise at the referee's count of 10.

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## "Billy" Evans's Puzzling Problems of the Diamond

By Billy Evans  
Famous American League Umpire

A FEW years ago at a game in one of the larger minor leagues, a goodly portion of the crowd left the game believing that the home team had been victorious, when, as a matter of fact, such was not the case. The confusion was created by the failure of the batter to adhere strictly to the rules of the game.

The play came up in the last half of the ninth inning, with the visiting team leading by the score of 2 to 1. The first two men up for the home team were easy outs, and with the weaker end of the batting order coming up, many of the spectators began to file out of the grounds, believing a victory out of the question, considering the masterly pitching that was being done by the opposing twirler. The next batter received a base on balls, while the next one was hit by a pitched ball, putting men on first and second base. The sudden loss of control worried the pitcher and caused the crowd to do a lot of shouting.

The batter hit a long drive to center field. The runners on first and second were very fast men, while the pitcher was slow of foot. The outfielder, by fast work, managed to cut down the hit. The shortstop, who went out to take the relay, looking over the situation, believed he had a better chance of cutting down the batter at second than he had of getting the second runner at the plate. Incidentally, he hoped it would be possible to retire the runner at second before the second runner could cross the plate, thus keeping the score a tie. Seeing that he would surely be retired at second, the batter slowed up just enough to permit the second runner to score a fraction of a second before he was touched out, retiring the side. The crowd swarmed on the field believing that the home team had won. The batter had cut first base a foot or so in rounding the bag. Both umpire and first baseman had noticed the slip. The first baseman got the ball and touched first base. What do you suppose the umpire did?

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Answer to Yesterday's Problem.

In each case as soon as the umpire called the ball, play became dead. In the first case, the runner was granted second, while the ball at which the batter struck and missed was regarded as nothing. Of course, on the next ball pitched, the batter singled, scoring the run that decided the game, which did not make things very pleasant for the umpire. In this case, the team at bat was mighty glad the ball had been called.

In the second case, the team at bat did not relish having a balk called when it became evident that the outfielder had no chance to make a play on the ball, the team in the field of course much preferring the rather than merely have the runner on first advance to second because of the balk. The umpire in the second case made the batter who had hit for his second trial, the batter further increased the troubles of the umpire by striking out.—B. E.

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